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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on December 4, 2006, a Monday. Applicants herewith submit payment of the requisite fee for a one-month extension of time.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.